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Mr. James F. Steele, Jr.
Regional Commissioner
Public Building Services
General Services Administration
GSA Region 3
7th and D Streets SW
Washington, D.C. 20407

20 DEC 1976

Dear Mr. Steele:

CIA would like to name our main Computer Center in memory of [redacted] former Deputy Director of Data Processing for CIA. I believe my Deputy, Mr. Malanick, has discussed this with you.

[redacted] met an untimely death in a bicycling accident on his way to work on 18 November 1976. More than any other single person, he was responsible for developing the CIA centralized computer facility as well as developing the professional skills of the people who comprise our computer organization. For many years, [redacted] had been a pace-setting pioneer in the use of computers in the Intelligence Community. His contributions to the Federal Government, data processing, and his community are numerous and outstanding.

We believe that naming our main Computer Center for [redacted] would be a fitting tribute to this outstanding man and a lasting memorial of his achievements.

I therefore request that you approve naming the Computer Center located in room GC-03, CIA Headquarters Building, Langley, Virginia, the [redacted] COMPUTER CENTER, and also approve placing an appropriately worded plaque at the entrance of this Computer Center.

Sincerely,

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

ORIGINATOR: [redacted]

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